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SENT DEPARTMENT 1674 REPEATED INFORMATION PRIORITY PARIS 545
LONDON 387 MOSCOW 198 BERLIN 532

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PARIS EMBTEL 2823 TO DEPT; RPTD BONN 263, LONDON 605, BERLIN 69,
MOSCOW 155.

HAD TALKED TO GENERAL NORSTAD THIS MORNING BUT ONLY RECEIVED
REFERENCE TELEGRAM LATE THIS AFTERNOON.

IF CURRENT EFFORTS REACH SOLUTION AT LOCAL LEVEL (BERLINS
TELEGRAM TO DEPT 643) UNSUCCESSFUL, FEEL SUGGESTION APPROACH
MOSCOW (PARIS TELEGRAM TO DEPT 2823) MAY HAVE CONSIDERABLE
MERIT. WE SHOULD OF COURSE INFORM BRITISH AND FRENCH PRIOR TO
MAKING APPROACH AS WELL AS CONSULT THEM REGARDING ANY MILITARY
ACTION IF REPRESENTATIONS FAIL ACHIEVE SPEEDY RESULT.

SUMMARIZED ABOVE IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION HILLENBRAND ABOUT
1815 HOURS. FEEL UNLESS CONVOY RELEASED TONIGHT APPROACH SHOULD
BE MADE TOMORROW. DANGER THEREIN IS POSSIBILITY LEAK, THUS
PERHAPS MAKING IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR SOVIETS TO RETREAT WITHOUT
LOSING FACE.

I FIND IT DIFFICULT MAKE FURTHER COMMENTS IN TOTAL ABSENCE OF
KNOWLEDGE MILITARY PLANS FOR SUCH EMERGENCIES.

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